the State.

Reports now in from about 590 correspondents, repretenting 192 cut of the 196 counties in the State, indicate an unusually good condition of crops generally throughout the State. The weather conditions have been pre-eminently favorable to the development of the wheat, as well as to the growth of 179a, 1915 and heales while the county and the state of the county and the state of th cats and barley, while the growth of corn has been retarded somewhat by excessive rains and cool weather. The agricultural conditions generally throughout the State are excellent at this date, and the pros-pects for abundant harvests in all crops could not be more accuraging.

ould not be more encouraging.

Winter Wheat—The area as estimated Winter Wheat—The area as estimated by the correspondents of this board in the March report was 1,223,073 acres from the abstracts of assessors' returns already in, and special reports of county clerks, kindly furnished at our request, we find this estimated too low by about 175,000 acres. A few counties are yet to be beard from. Enough, however, is known to warrant us in placing the total area for the State in round numbers at 1,500,000 acres. The probable product per sore for the State is placed by our correspondents at 22.52 bushels, a fraction higher than the average product in 1892, which was the highest in the history of the State. This averest in the history of the State. This averestin the history of the State. age product in fect, which was the high-est in the history of the State. This aver-age per acre gives a total wheat product for the State this year of 33,780,000 bush-els, or an excess of 17,644,880 bushels above that of last year.

Spring Wheat—The area as estimated

y our correspondents in a previous re-ort is 54,920 acres, and from the abstracts port is 34,220 acres, and from the abstracts of county clerks now in we are warranted in saying that the actual acreage returned by the township assessors will not be less than that amount. The plant is generally in excellent condition and promises a full crop.

Corn—The acreage as estimated by our correspondents is 4 per cent, greater than

Corn—The acreage as estimated by our correspondents is 4 per cent greater than that of last year, making a total area of 7,260,638 acres. The stand is good, only a fraction over 1 per cent, is reported ashaving failed to grow. The wet and cold weather has retarded the growth of the plant, however, as the important marter at this date is to secure a good stand. The prospect for the crop, except where excessive rains have interfered with its cultivation or rendered replanting necessary, is entirely satisfactory through sary, is entirely satisfactory through

every section of the State. It seems to be entirely free from insect depredations. Outs—Outs in a few of the eastern coun-ties are reported damaged to some extent by chinch bugs, but generally throughout the State they are in excellent condition and in many places promise extraordinary

grield.

Rye—Rye is reported a good crop. The average product per acre is estimated at twenty hushels for the State.

Summary—Corn, compared with full stand, 48 per cent. Spring wheat, compared with a full stand and unimproved pared with a full stand and unimproved vitality, 35 per cent. Gats, compared with full stand and unimpaired vitality, 35 per cent. Barley, compared with a full stand and unimpaired vitality, 38 per cent. Potatoes, compared with a full average, 165 per cent. Apples, compared with full average, 165 per cent. Apples, compared with full average, 175 per cent. Cherries, compared with full average, with full average, 172 per cent. Feaches, compared with full average, 32 per cent.

Rainfall and Chinch Bugs.-With the exception of the extreme southwest portion of the State our correspondents re-port rains abundant—in some sections excessive—for the month of May; and the weather being cool, the conditions were not only highly favorable to a vigorous growth of cereals, but in an eminent degree favorable to the destruction of chinch bugs, which in the early spring, probably b cause of the mild winter, were exceedingly numerous. Without this exceedingly numerous. Without this providential interference the damage must have been immense. As it was, in some localities wheat and onts were seriously hurt. The crisis, however, seems to be passed. The old hugs, which have done the damage, after depositing their eggs, seem to have filled their mission and died, and the young broods are reported either dead or in a dying condition. Enough, however, are likely to survive to be the course of much anxiety and loss before source of much anxiety and loss before the corn crop is made.

the corn crop is made.

Lard Tank Explosion.

HUTCHINSON. Kan., June 7.—Shortly after ten o'clock yesterday morning white General Manager Woods of the N. K. Fairbank & Co. lard refinery, and George D. Lewis superintendent of the same company's refinery at St. Louis, were testing the heat of a lard tank an explosion occurred which seriously injured the loon Gavin. They were standing directly over the vat when it exploded, and were thrown to the ceiling above and covered with the boiling-hot lard. Lewis, in addition to being badly scalded, had his ankle bone fractured and received two dangerous wounds about the head. Paysicians, however, think there are chances of his recovery. The injuries of the others, while satisfactory and the saids in the prisoner straight-ened up and faced his accusers. "He wants to pray," shouted a man. Oliphant did not pray, but to a reporter who stood at his side he said: "I am guilty. I shot Mr. Rodgers and his wife, but I did it in the said in the prisoner straight-ened up and faced his accusers. "He wants to pray," shouted a man. Oliphant did not pray, but to a reporter who stood at his side he said: "I am guilty. I shot Mr. Rodgers and his wife, but I did it in the said in the prisoner straight-ened up and faced his accusers. "He wants to pray," shouted a man. Oliphant did not pray, but to a reporter who stood at his side he said: "I am guilty. I shot Mr. Rodgers and his wife, but I did it in the said in the county, including Lockhaven, if the said is the prisoner straight-ened up and faced his accusers. "He wants to pray," shouted a man. Oliphant age in the county, including Lockhaven, if the said is the prisoner straight-ened up and faced his accusers. "He wants to pray," shouted a man. Oliphant age in the county, including Lockhaven, if the said is the prisoner straight-ened up and faced his accusers. "He wants to pray, but to a reporter who stood at his side he said: "I am guilty. I shot Mr. Rodgers and his wife, but I did it in the county, including Lockhaven, if the coun of his recovery. The injuries of the others, while serious and exceedingly painful, are not considered fata. The accident is supposed to have been due to an over pressure of steam.

Fatal Barn Burning. WINCHESTER Kan., June 7.—The six-year-old son of Mr. K-ssenger, a farmer

who lives a few miles south of town, while playing in his father's stable Wednesday ing set fire to it and was burned to death before belp arrived. Nothing but a few charred bones were recovered. All the contents of the stable were consumed by the flames, including a stall on belouging to Mr. Kessinger,
Must Pay the Bonds.

LEAVENWORTH, Knn., June 7.—A ver-dict was rendered yesterday in the United States Court against the Board of Educa-tion of Atchison for \$31,699 49 on bonds to tion of Atchison for Sal, tole 2 on bonds to the amount of \$25,000 held by Francis M. Dekay, of Orange County, N. Y., issued in 1839, by the board of which John A. Martin was presiden.

Coal Rates in Kansas TOPEKA, Kan, June 7.—The Railroad Commissioners have met representative-of the saliroads doing business in Kan-a-to discuss the soft coal schedule of rates promutgated last March. Tals was the final hearing, a number of adjournments having been taken. After considerable talk the railroad men requested that further discussion of the matter with the board be postponed until Ju y in order that the representatives of the deficrent roads might be able to reach an agreement among themselves. The board respectfully declined this proposition and noti-fied those present that if the arguments had ceased the board would take the rate question under advisement.

Mysterious Activity.

New York, June 7.—The United States cruiser Atlanta has been ordered out of dry dock, and the cruiser Boston in. What dry dock, and the cruiser Boston in. What this sudden activity means nobody appears to know. Some naval officers suspect that the condition of affairs in Hayti means work for the cruisers. It is said that the authorities at Washington fear rioting as a result of Legitime's downfail and believe that American interests will be greatly jeopardized. The Ossipee is the only American vessel in Hayties waters and should riot run rife sothing short of a powerful force could save the lives of the powerful force could save the lives of the

A TOPEKA TRAGEDY.

Desperate Struggle With a Burglar—The Desperado Kills Mr. Rodgers, a Promi-sent Business Man, and Fataily Wounds His Wife—The Miserable Wretch Sum-marily Lynched.

TOPREA, Kan., June & —At four o'clock resterder.

resterday morning the Hon. A. T. Rod-rers, of Rodgers & Stranahan, merchant ors, was farally shot by a burglar, and wife was snot and so badly hurt that his wife was snot and so badly his wife was snot and so badly hurt that ser recovery is doubtful.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers were awakened by the sudden entrance into the room of a man from the outside. Springing from bed Mr. Rodgers found himself confront-

sd by a stoutly-built and desperate-look ing man armed with a revolver. He knew

ad by a stoutly-built and desperate-looking-man armed with a revolver. He knew at a glance the character of the intruder and started to grapple with him, followed by Mrs. Rodgers. The burgiar fired as they closed in on him, the bail taking effect in Mr. Rodgers' groin.

Afferce struggle ensued, in which all three took part. Several shots were fired by the desperade as his wrist was held tightly by Mr. Rodgers. One of these took effect in Rogers' left arm' and another in the center of the abdomen. A third bullet entered the burgiar's left hand. Rodgers got the revolver away from the burgiar and struck him over the bead with it. The prisoner begged piteously to be allowed to go and was at last permitted to escape, his captors being to weak to continue the struggle longer. He jumped to the porch, slid down one of the pillars, leaving blood stains on the wood, and ran for life, leaving a trail of blood.

Mr. Rodgers died in a few hours and his wife can not live. They have lived in To-peka for ninoteen years and are promi-

ent people. Within an hour 2,000 people were so within an hour 2,000 people were scouring the country for the robber. At six
o'clock a young man, about nineteen years
of age, having a wound in his hand and
answering the description, was arrested
and taken to the prison. Immediately
5,000 people congregated about the
prison, and but for the fact that there was
some uncertainty about the identity of some uncertainty about the identity of the prisoner the officer could not have held

the prisoner the officer could not have held him. There is little doubt, however, that he is the right man.

The man gave his name as Nati-Gliphant, and said he nad just been put off a freight train by the train bands. On the left side of his forehead were two fresh cut- as if made with a tlunt instrument. He wore his hat so that the wounds were not visible until it was removed. His right hand showed evidence of having been lately bitten, and there were the imprints of teeth on two of his fingers. In his pockets were found two watches, a number of rings and a breastpin which has been identified as the one taken from F. Cook's identified as the one taken from F. Cook's house at the coreer of Fifth and Buchanan streets Monday night. The Cook house is near the Rodgers homestead.

The prisoner said the wounds be tore were inflicted by a heateman who helped to put him off the train. The brakeman

has been telegra shed at Kansas City rehas been telegra had at Kansas City re-garding the matter. The man first said he lived in Colorado, but told others that Indiana was his home. He was taken to the county jui and Mary Klinkerman, the servant at the Rodgers house, was sent for. In the meantime news of the tragedy had spread through the city and an imman spreaf the rough the city and an immense crowd gathered in front of the fail. When the Swedish girl drove up in company with the sheriff the excitement became intense. The girl was conducted into the jail and the man Oliphant was brough before her. "That's the man." she said emphatically and without the lightest sign of doubt.

TOPEKA, Kan., Janes.—During the after-noon the crowd in front of the jail in-creased, but no demonstrations were made. The hoodlum element was entirely absent Lawyers, merchants, bankers and other business men gathered in knots and dis-cussed the situation and the unanimous opinion was that the wretch ought to hang. The idea that he might be inno-cent was scouled from the moment the servant giri identified Oliphant as the

servant gri usentined Oliphani as the murderer.

Seven o'clock found 2,000 men in front of the jail. An hour later this number had doubled. Soon after eight o'clock a large part of the crowd marched to Metropolitan hall, where speeches in favor of lynching the murderer were loudly applanded.

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some energetic pounding the fail was forced open and the prisoner was in the hands of the mob.

Through the streets Oliphant was dragged, the rope not yet encircling his neck. The First National Bank occupies a commanding position on Kansas and Six havenues, and to the entrance to this building the condemned man was led. All along the contemned man was led. At along the route the shouting continued, and by the time the prisoner reached the bank steps there must have been 8,000 people facing him. It was the most thrilling spectacle ever wit-nessed in the West. A hush settled

In a twinkling the marderer was jerked to the ground. The ever rendy rope was placed about his neck and the crowd surged toward an electric light pole standing near. Two men climbed to the cross trees with the bight of the rops. It was adjusted a moment later and before they could descend the body of Oliphant shot upward and met them. They scrambled to the ground and as they cleared the pole a pistol shot was heard. Oliphant's arms swayed slightly and his legs drew up several times. Then he was quiet and the light shining in his face showed that he was dead. The moment that his form was seen against the In a twinkling the marderer was jerked

ment that his form was seen against the pole the crowd gave a cheer and then sub-sided into silence, and not until the body had hung fifteen minutes did the uproar break out again.

Three Hundred More Found. PRITISBURGH, Pa., June 5.—Three hundred more bodies were found yesterday afternoon opposite Nineveh. This makes seven hundred bodies found at that point. For a couple of hours bodies were taken from the debris above the railroad bridge at the rate of shout one were fire mineral of the country. at the rate of about one every five min-utes. An extra supply of coffins has been ordered.

The Missing Boat. The Missing Boat.

RACINE, Wis. June 5.—It transpires that the skiff that was missed from Chicago about the time of the disappearance of the murdered Dr. Cronin was picked up by the tug West and towed into Racine three days after the occurrence. It contained two paddles and a man's kid gloves.

Starkey Willing to Go. Starkey Willing to Go.
Tonoxoro, Oat. June 5.—In answer to
the dispatches containing a proposal to
extradite him, W. J. Starkey states that
he is quite willing to go to Chicago and
tell all he knows of the Cronin matter,
which, he says, is nothing. The Chicago
authorities, he declares, are well aware
that his evidence will not help them.

The Schuyikill Rising.
PHILADELPHIA. June 5.—The waters of the Schuyikill river are rising very fast and are now four feet above high water mark. Some anxiety is felt. A boy was washed over the dam and drowned, and two boys were drewned by the overturn-ing of their boat in the rush of the waters.

THE CAUSE.

Old Settler's View of the Cause of the Great Disactor.
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 7.—The acobe, of Morrellville, is one of the o

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June I.—Thomas Jacoba, of Morrellville, is one of the oldest inhabitants of the Conemangh walley. He said that the water of the river was much higher in 1837 than on last Friday, even after the dam had broken.

"The whole trouble about this deplorable affair," he continued, "results from the narrowing of the channel of the river and the deflection of its natural course I remember well," he continued, "when the channel ran down below the mill where the bridge now stands. The channel has been narwell," he continued, "when the channel ran down below the mill where the bridge now stands. The channel has been narrowed along the entire course through the town by the dumping of refuse along the banks during low water. The Conemaugh has always been a shallow stream. After beavy rainfails it rises rapidly, as all mountain streams do. Its watershed is large and the hillides so constituted that the water runs down rapidly, causing quick rises and turbulent currents. Primarily, I hold that the Cambrialron Company is responsible for narrowing the channel; secendly, the South Fork Club, for not having made the dam secure beyond all possibility of a break, and especially when they caused the the dam to be enlarged by raising the breast, and thirdly, the Pennsylvania railroad for having constructed the viaduct with such low arches and with ribs calculated to catch pieces of driftwood, if they happento strike diagonally on the piers. The dam made by the gorge at the bridge is what engulfed the town."

THE WILLIAMSPORT RUIN.

A Scene-of Destruction Along the Track of the Philadelphia & Reading.

Williamaront, Pa., June 7.—Advices coming in show that the loss of proporty has been very heavy at all places near hera. Morris, Tloga County, is a total wreck. Many mills, dwellings and other property were swept away. The Pine Creek raliroad has suffered greatly. The track was torn away and a large part of the bank was washed out all along up to Blackwell's and beyond. At Saliadasburg much damage was done. Houses and mills were damage was done. Houses and mills were flooded and in some instances moved and greatly injured. The plank rond was torn up, bridges were carried away and other

estruction caused at every point.
All along the line of the Philadelphia & All along the line of the Philadelphia & Reading track through this city des-truction meets the eye. Many cars were litted from the tracks and torn to pieces, the number of houses taken away or top-pled into heaps of rubbish can not yet be stated, but it is quite large. Along the entire river front going west from Pins street debris is piled even into the heart of the city.

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Word has been received from the Crescent nail works, on the Northern Central railway, that the place has been nearly all washed away. The population took refuge on the side of a hill and are left entirely destitute.

FIFTEEN PASSENGERS.

The Dead and Missing From the East-The Dead and Missing From the East-Bound Trains.

PHTEBURGH, Pa., June T.—The official railroad reports of the dead and missing from the east-bound trains that left Pitts-burgt last Friday now give the number at fifteen passengers and the colored porter of the Pullman car New Orleans. There were no losses from the first two trains. The co-rect list of the dead is as follows:

Mrs. Tallott, nee Long, of Cleveland, with The correct list of the dead is as follows:

Mrs. Tallott, nee Long, of Cleveland, with
two or three children; Cyrus Schick, of
Reading, and his sister-in-law; Mrs. Stinson, who is a sister of Judge Stinson—Mrs.
Schick saved her life by going back into the
car to secure a waterproof; John Ross, of
Jersey City; Mrs. J. B. Ranney, of Kainmasco, Mich. Miss. Jennie, Paulson and o, Mich.; Miss Jennie Paulson and manco, Mich.; Miss Jennie Paulson and Miss Bryant, of Pittsburgh; Mr. Misail, manager of the Mausfield, O., base-ball club; Miss Annie Chrisman, of Beaure-gard, Miss; P. H. Phillips (colored), por-ter of the Pullman car New Orleans; Mr. Swineford and daughter, Mrs. Smith and child, of Dayton, O., whose bodies have been forwarded; Miss Hurnish of Dayton, O. Andrew Entire of Linguist Mrs. O.; Andrew Ewing, of Ligonier; Mrs. Mary Swing, of Bellefont.

The Drownings Around Lockhaven.
LOCKHAVEN, Pa., June 7.—Qily one
person is known to have been drowned in
Lockhaven, but in the country the list of dead numbers twenty-eight. The names of the persons drowned with their former post-office addresses are as follows; Lock-haven, James Guilford; Wayne township, William Confer, wife and three children and two children of Jacob Koshert Cintondale, Robert Armstrong and ner; Clintondale, Robert Armstrong and sister; Mockville, John Harter; Andrew K. sister; Mockville, John Harter; Andrew K.
Hein, wife and two girls; Salona Alexander Whiting and wife, William E Merheiser and the widow of Henry Snyder;
Cedar Springs, the wife of Luther Seyler
and three children, Seyler being rescued
from a tree and his wife's dead body
lodged on a drift pile within two rods of
where he was climping the wife of Charles

Mr. Rodgers and his wife, but I did it in self defense. My name is Nat C. Oliphant. I came here from Newton. I had two accomplices last night, who were from Kansas City. I am willing to die, but I wish thay would hang me from the State House to that my neck would be broken."

This was all the condemned man had to say and the mob recommenced clamoring for his blood.

In a twinkling the murderer was ferked burial, however, as in a majority of in-stances the survivors were too poor to stand the expense. These bodies were gathered from up and down the river be-low Johnstown, and the commissioners of Westmoreland County furnished the plat where they sleep.

where they sleep. Estimating the Fatalities.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 7.—The worst
calculation of the disaster's horror shows that at least 2,500 bodies have been found; 3,000 at the lowest calculation are in th a,000 at the lowest calculation are in the burned debris in the river; 3,000 are in unsearched banks around the Cambria works, down along the river and in the lower part of Johnstown; from 1,000 to 2,000 are scattered in the valley from Woodvale to the bridge and a thousand or two between Johnstown and Bolivar.

Bemarkable Effect.
JOHNSTOWS, Pa., June 7.—In a gap above obnstown the water has picked up a four track railroad covered with trains, freight track railroad covered with frains, freight and passenger, and with machine shops, a round house and other heavy buildings with heavy contents and has torn the track to pieces—twisted, turned and crossed it as fire never could. It has tossed huge freight locomotives and cars like packing boxes—torn them to pieces and scattered them over miles of territory. It has incen piece put a stream of water. It has in one piace put a stream of water a city block wide between the railroad and the bluff and in another place it has changed the course of the river as far in the other direction and left a hundred yards inland the tracks that formerly skirted the banks.

Johnstown, Pa., June I.—Early yester-day morning Chairman Hines of the relief committee was informed by several Penn-sylvania railroad conductors that two or three women of questionable character had arrived in town. The railroad men watched them the entire route, and said that from their language they were recurrences who them the entire route, and said that from their language they were procuresses who hoped to prey on unfortunate young women. Hines reported the matter to the police officials, who intend to warn all suspicious characters to leave the town at once. Hines said: "You can say that should I find the women and be sure they were here for such a purpose I would throw them into the river." AMID THE RUINS.

ladir Searching For Victims in the Job Sown Death Heap—Caring For the Liv and Burying the Dead. and Burying the Dead.

Johnstown, Pa., June & For thirtysix hours the fire engines played upon the
emoking ruins above the bridge, but the
fiames break out afresh at frequent intervals. Nearly 2000 men are employed in
different parts of the valley clearing up
the ruins and searching for the dead. It

the ruins and searching for the dead. It is estimated that up to Monday night 2,300 bodies had been recovered altogether. It becomes hourly more and more apparent that not a single vestige will ever be recognized of hundreds that were roasted in the flames above the bridge. Since the



sarthed a charred and unsightly mass from the smoldering debris within hirty yards of the Associated Press headquarters. Unused to such frightful discoveries the leader of the gang pronounced the remains to be a blackened log and it required the authoritative verdict of a physician to demonstrate that the ghastly discovery was the charred remains of a human being. Only the trunk remained and it was roasted beyond all semblance to flesh. Five minutes' search revealed fragments of a skull that at once disintegrated of its own weight, when exposed to the air, no single piece being larger than a holf dollar and the whole resembling the remains of shattered charccal. Within the last hour a half dezan discoveries no less horrifying frightful discoveries the leader of the half dozsa discoveries no less horrifying have been made. It is thought that hun-

have been made. It is thought that hundreds must be fairly burnt to ashes.

Moxham, the iron manufacturer, is mayor pro tem, of Johnstown to-day.

Aithough for days without sleep, he still sticks nobly to his task. Hundreds of others are like him. Men fail to the earth from sheer fatigue. There are many who

from sheer fatigue. There are many who have not closed an eye in sleep since they aweke on Friday morning. They are a hollow-eyed, pitiful-looking lot.

Some unfortunates endeavored to obtain flour from the wrecked stores in Johnstown. One dealer was charging \$5 a suck for flour and was getting it. When the crowd hard of the occurrence several men went to the store and doled the flour gratuitously to the homeless and stricken.

Another dealer was selling flour at \$1.50 a sack. Otherwise he would not allow any one to go near it, guarding his store with a shotgun. with a shotgun.

with a shotgun.

Bodies were recovered in Johnstown yesterday that had been robbed by the ghouls. The Hungarians attacked a supply wagon between Morrellville and Cambria City. The drivers of the wagons repulsed them, but they again returned. A second fight ensued, but after a lively second by the Hungarians were available.

A second fight ensued, but after a lively scramble the Hungarians were ngain driven away. After that drivers and guards of supply wagons were permitted to go armed.

Registers are being opened in Johnstown and all survivors are requested to register their names in order to give information of their safety to inquiring friends. Post-offices were opened in Kearnville and the Fourth ward of Johnstown. The first mail got in at 9:3 yesterown. The first mail got in at 9:3) yester

town. The first mail got in at 9:39 yester-day morning and was enormous.

The suggestion made by the physicians several days ago that the bodies in the de-brie above the bridge be allowed to be cremated, in the interest of public health. cremated, in the interest of public health, and which aroused such a storm of indignation among the surviving populace, is viewed with more calmess to-day and there is a growing sentiment that it is after all the best solution of the problem. Weeks, months will be required to remove the stupendous mass by artificial means, and meantime the rotting, patre-fring remains of coor humanity buried. fying remains of poor humanity buried therein would be dealing pollution and therein would be dealing pollution and death to all the surrounding country.

Thoma: Williams, who lost his wife and family, recovered his wife's remains and took them up the mountain where he dug a grave and buried them himself.

Mrs. Fredericks. an aged woman, way rescued alive from the attic in her house. The house had floated from Vine street to

the foot of the mountains. Mrs. Freder-icks' experience was terrible. She saw hundreds of men, women and children floating down the torrent, some praying. Others had become raving mania-In addition to a large quantity of cooked food, as well as flour and other provisions

food, as well as flour and other provisions the relief committee brought out 100 com-plete outfits of clothing for women and a similar number for girl, and a miscellane-ous lot for men and boys. What is needed here more than any

thing else is grave-d grees. Yesterday hundreds of bodies were lying around and

there was no one to dig graves.
Yesterday morning at least fifty funeral processions passed the Asso-ciated Press headquarters. It was not an unusual sight to see two or three coffin going along one after another, followed by a number of mourners all in the same family. It was an impossibility to secure wagons or conveyances of any kind, con-sequently all funeral processions were on

Twenty-five registry offices were opened yesterday. Up to noon 8,000 out of 34,000 were registered. Conservative estimates put the number

Conservative estimates put the number of lost at 7,000, and many men of calm judgment place the number at 10,000.

Silenced in Death.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 5.—"At three o'clock Friday afternoon," said Electrician Bender, of the Western Union, "the girl operator at Johnstown was cheerfully giri operator at Johnstown was cheerfully ticking away that she had to abandon the office on the first floor because the water was three feet deep there. She said she was writing from the second story and the water was gaining steadily. She was frightened, and said. frightened, and said many frightened, and said many houses around were flooded. This was evidently before the dam broke, for our man here said something encouraging to her, and she was talking back as only acheerful girl operator can, when the receiver's skilled ear caught a sound on the wire made by no human hands. The house had been swept away in the flood."

Order at Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 5.—The stench arising from the bedies in the debris here is almost unbearable. Those who have been on duty here since Sunday are almost exhausted, and appeals have been sent to Pittsburgh and elsewhere for realief. Will Reed, of the American club, has been appointed mayor of the town, and his first official act was to issue a notice that all saloons in the town proper and suburbs should be closed, and he has enforced the order. He has also given orders to the armed guards to shoot any person found stealing from the dead bodies. The rowdy element is being rapidly cowed and when the militia arrives rules will be nore strick.

STORY OF AN INDUSTRY.

How Pine Bagging Came to Be Brought late General Use. When the pine bagging syndicate gave out its prospectus for the conflict with the jute trust, pine bagging was spoken of as the happiest and timeliest kind of an invention. But it was merely an adaptation, the bettering of an already manufactured article, a change of its form in response to a demand of trade. The parents under which the mills of the syndicate are to work are patents for the improvement of a process in use for several years

value for ten years or thereabout. What is spoken of as "straw" is nothing more nor less than needles of the pine tree. It was in the latter part of 1879 that it was first made use of commercially. The earliest product was a long fiber made by a patent process, and upholsterers used it for carriage cushions principally. Perhaps there is a faint survival of this use in the dainty pine pillows of to-day. The straw was profitable to its manufacturers, as at its market price of six cents per pound it sold readily in a small way. But in its course through the mill,

from needle to fiber, the pine straw lost nearly seventy-five per cent in weight This very soon resulted in the building of a factory on the Neuse river at Riverdale, N. C., in the heart of the pine forests. The company however, was interested in the man ufacture of other articles and retained its Northern factory. But very soon there came business troubles at this Northern end. The Clare Fiber Company failed. The little fac-tory on the Neuse river was shut down, and then there was a complete stoppage in the manufacture of pine straw products. During the period of manufacture at Riverdale it had been found that another article might be produced. It was discovered that the oil of the needle-pinoleum, or oil of pine, as it was called -was of use in the treatment of inflammatory rheuma tism. Some of it was bottled at the time of discovery for private use, but publicly it has never been pushed. Thrown out of employment by the

shutting down of the Riverdale factory the superintendent, a Mr. Scot., began a series of experiments for the improvement of the process. In these experiments he interested a capitalist of Wilmington, N. C., Mr. William Latimer, now one of the proprietors of the Acme Manufacturing Company, and hence one of the five members of the present syndicate. For a long time the experiments came to no result, but finally, however, was patented a much improved process. Then the Acme Company was established in 1885. This was composed of Mr. William Gilchrist, Mr. G. H. Smith and Mr. Latimer. The fiber was again produced and put upon the Northern market. The factory was placed at a little settlement on the Cape Fear river, not far from Wilmington, and known as Cronly.

About eighteen months ago it was discovered that the fiber might be spun into threads and the threads might be woven into a fabric. By this process a kind of matting was produced, which, though of rough surface and loosely voven, was well received in this city. The matting proved of use when laid in such places as hotel halls, staircases, and the aisles of cars. When within the last year, the jute combination raised the price of bagging and the cotton planters called out for for the invention of some equally available fabric the step was an easy ne from matting to bagging. It was simply to weave the fabric closer and thinner. As soon as the possibility of such an outlet for the product was een the making of matting was prac-

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Native cows	2 00	0	8 35
HOGS-Good to choice heavy.	4 00	a	4 2414
WHEAT-No. 2 red	72	6	74
No. 2 soft	76	6	78
CORN-No. 1	25	66	27
OATS-No. 2	19	466	21
RYE-No. 2	37	8	3816
FLOUR-Patents, per sack	2 2)	100	2 40
HAY-Baled	5 00	66	7 00
BUTTER-Choice creamery		0	16
CHEESE-Full cream	10	20	10%
EGGS-Choice	10	10	1014
BACON Hams	10	3	1014
Shoulders		65	616
Sides	. 7	6	8
LARD	6	100	65
POTATOES	20	6	40
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CATTLE-Shipping steers	4 00	G.	4 45
Butchers' steers	2 73	SE	4.50
HOGS-Packing	4 06	6	4 30
SHEEP-Fair to choice	3 61	65	4 00
FLOUR-Choice	3 50	10	4.75
WHEAT-No. 2 red	80	8	8014
CORN-No.2	31	8	31%
OATS-No. 2	221	505	23
RYE-No. 2	40	115	40%
BUTTER-Creamery	- 24	12	15
PORK	12 20		12 25
CHICAGO.		250	

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